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FEEDING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING CONTROL PROGRAM
THEREOF

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- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 2-8)

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-6, 8.

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